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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLOS PORG EF S XP XU PP
SUBJECT: SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES AGENCY

REF: STATE 040463

1. I DISCUSSED FISHERIES PROBLEMS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
OLEWALE DURING MEETING FEB 22 WHICH INCLUDED SEVERAL OTHER
SUBJECTS (CIVIL AVIATION, DRUGS, HIS UPCOMING TRIP TO US,
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ETC.). OLEWALE SAID HE WAS GLAD TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
TALK TO ME ABOUT THE FISHERIES AGENCY. HE SAID I MUST BE
AWARE THAT PNG WAS RAISING MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SOUTH PACIFIC
REGIONAL FISHERIES AGENCY (SPRFA), AND HE THOUGHT IT USEFUL
TO TALK ABOUT THEM. HE LISTENED ATTENTIVELY AS I MADE POINTS
IN REFTTEL. I DID NOT PRESS FOR MARCH MEETING AS ALL INDICATIONS
ARE THAT IT WILL BE HELD IN JUNE. I MERELY SAID WE HOPED

A MEETING WOULD BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. OLEWALE RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO THE SUGGESTION OF SENDING SMALL US TEAM OF EXPERTS TO PORT MORESBY. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL FOR HIS TECHNICAL PEOPLE TO DISCUSS DIFFERENCES IN DETAIL WITH US EXPERTS. HE BELIEVES DIFFERENCES COULD WELL BE IRONED OUT IN THAT WAY.

3. WITH REGARD TO PARA 6 OF REFTTEL, OLEWALE WAS QUITE UNAWARE APPROACH HAD BEEN MADE TO US RE US COAST GUARD ASSISTANCE. HE WAS VERY INTERESTED, AND SAID HE WOULD WANT TO EXPLORE THE MATTER FURTHER WITHIN HIS OWN GOVERNMENT.

4. COMMENT: OLEWALE WAS VERY CAUTIOUS IN WHAT HE SAID, BUT WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SUBJECT AND SEEMED GENERALLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT EVENTUAL OUTCOME. HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN ALMOST NO DISCUSSION OF FISHERIES AGENCY AT THE COMMONWEALTH REGIONAL MEETING IN SYDNEY.

5. I HOPE PROPOSED US TEAM OF EXPERTS WILL BE SENT WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY. OLEWALE WILL BE ABROAD FROM MARCH 10 TO 31, AND GEOFFREY DABB WILL PRESUMABLY BE AT LOS MEETING IN LATE MARCH. BELIEVE THAT BEST TIME FOR VISIT OF US TEAM WOULD BE AFTER LOS MEETING.
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